

**LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors - Regular Session**  
**Tuesday, March 14, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Waldport Elementary/Middle School**  
**Waldport, Oregon**

**Minutes**

**PRESIDING:** Ron Beck, Chairman

**Present:** Ron Beck, Chairman; Sue Ryan, Vice-Chairman; Jean Turner, Billie Jo Smith, Directors

**Also Present:** Tom Rinearson, Superintendent; Laurie Urquhart, Secretary; approximately 30 members of the staff, media and interested patrons

**Excused:** Brenda Brown, Director

**Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum**

Chairman Ron Beck convened the meeting and called the session to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of four board members present. Director Brown was excused from the meeting.

**Student Representatives- Waldport High**

Waldport High student representatives Matt Walton and Max Ogden updated the Board regarding activities at the school, including: •online classes are being offered at the school, dramatically increasing the courses available for students; •the number of students taking AP tests has increased; •a fundraising all night basketball tournament was held recently to raise funds for the “Natascha Ries” scholarship; •a blood drive is upcoming; •students are developing the “Artistic Coalition Club” to encourage creativity and artistic ability; •scholarship help has been great at the school this year; •Key Club members will be helping with 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Outdoor School. Mr. Walton reported more students are involved with the school, and said they are working “to improve every day.”

**Student Presentations- Waldport Elementary**

Principal Betsy Wilcox reported part of the school’s improvement plan is writing, and introduced students who wrote original compositions. Students Shelby Versteeg, Jade Johnson, Camilla Alvarado and Elliott Webb played the musical compositions they wrote; music teacher Joy Trigg helped with the presentation.

Teacher Ingrid Olson introduced second grade students Tommy Donaty, Tyler Guyer, Holly Wells and Cora Long, who read aloud stories they wrote.

**Communications**

Board Chair Ron Beck noted the Board received numerous communications via letter, email, and hand delivered, and said all were read.

Newport resident Tom Runions asked for clarification on budget projections for the coming year, specifically, where the “Julie bucks” mentioned at the last meeting originated. Superintendent Rinearson explained a difference exists between what was projected versus the latest information from the state (“always a moving target”). The State School Fund (SSF) per student reimbursement was increased by the state. Mr. Rinearson added the state sets aside money each year for special education students, if a district educates more special education students than the state reimburses (11% of the total). This money traditionally is received by districts in the year following when the expense occurred; this year, districts received the “over 11%” money in the current year.

Mr. Runions also inquired about seismic readiness at Taft Middle School, which was discussed later in the meeting.

Waldport Booster President Tinker Helgerson expressed excitement about the proposed new softball field in Waldport, and the potential “master plan” in the south area. She also asked “how much Booster clubs will have to come up with” in the coming year. Mr. Rinearson responded conversations regarding reducing the level of funding from the District for activities have not taken place. He also said the budget is being constructed, and will be shared with the Budget Committee on April 4<sup>th</sup>. He added that additional funds will go to support activities if the local option levy is successful.

### **Superintendent’s Report**

Superintendent Tom Rinearson recognized the Newport High “Salmon Bowl” team for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in recent National Ocean Science Bowl competition. Team members include: Yuanbo Liu, Megan Baker, Ben Waite, Colin McNamara and Dyllynn Crichton.

The Superintendent thanked the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund for their donation of \$4600 to Taft High. The funds will be used to purchase health and science books for students to check out for home use.

Mr. Rinearson thanked the Lincoln City Radio Shack for contributing 35% of the cost of over 200 NOAA weather alert radios. Each school will receive a radio, and employees who attend a Family Emergency Preparedness Workshop will receive a free radio for attending. The Emergency Response Crisis Management grant will pay the remainder of the cost of the radios.

Superintendent Rinearson recognized the following organizations for their contributions to Waldport Elementary/Middle School: •Lions Club donated flags for all first grade students at the school; •Delta Kappa Gamma donated dictionaries to all third grade students at the school; and •Village Music Foundation donated \$2,000 for the school’s music program.

The Superintendent reminded the Board of Spring Break the week of March 20-24.

### **Approval of the Consent Calendar**

**Motion 05/06-47**

On motion of Director Ryan, seconded by Director Smith, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Calendar items, including:

- **Minutes of the 2/28/06 Regular Session;**
- **Early Graduation Requests: (2), Toledo High; (1) Newport High;**
- **Regular Personnel Items (addendum).**

### **Approval of Budget Committee Member- Zone 3**

**Motion 05/06-48**

Chairman Beck nominated Tom Runions to serve on the District's Budget Committee. On motion of Director Ryan, seconded by Director Smith, the Board unanimously approved Tom Runions as the Zone 3 representative to the LCSD Budget Committee, with a term to expire June 30, 2006.

### **Approval of Budget Committee Member- Zone 5**

**Motion 05/06-49**

Director Turner nominated Jerry Hofstetter to serve on the District's Budget Committee. On motion of Director Turner, seconded by Director Ryan, the Board unanimously approved Jerry Hofstetter as the Zone 5 representative to the LCSD Budget Committee, with a term to expire June 30, 2008.

The first budget committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 7:00 p.m. at Newport High School.

### **Approval of Local Option Proceeds for Charter Schools**

**Motion 05/06-50**

On motion of Director Smith, seconded by Director Turner, the Board unanimously approved sharing proceeds from a local option levy with the district's charter schools. The estimated amount will be approximately \$68 per charter school student the first year, and will increase to approximately \$77 in the final year of the levy.

### **South Area Report**

Principal Betsy Wilcox reported the site council at Waldport Elementary/Middle is discussing changing the name of the school. She also recognized Rich Belloni and staff for work on the facilities at that school (the parking area will be increased; work on the playshed has begun; and the gym has new bleachers). Ms. Wilcox also invited attendees to examine student writing displayed in the hallways at the school.

Principal Von Taylor reported the proposed "master plan" for the south area has generated excitement, and said it may help garner interest at the state level for relocating Waldport High out of the tsunami zone.

### **Discussion on Policy IKFB, Commencement Activities/Honors**

The Board again asked to continue their discussion on Policy IKFB, which includes criteria for valedictorian and salutatorian. The policy will return for discussion and decision at the next meeting.

### **Financial Report**

Fiscal Services Administrator Julie Baldwin reported no significant changes from projections. She reported the decline in enrollment has increased compared to last year. Interest income on investments continues to increase.

## **Discussion on Superintendent's Contract**

The Board proposed a three-year contract for Superintendent Rinearson (the longest allowed by state law), with increases each year of 2.5%. The contract will return to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

Board members expressed their feeling they would prefer to offer more to the Superintendent, but current funding levels prevent it. Chairman Beck commented "the district is better off under your leadership. I see the proposed increase as an investment in the future of the District." The Superintendent thanked the Board for their comments. He also said it is difficult for him to accept an increase in pay, when communities have graded their schools with "D's" (referring to recent surveys of community members).

## **Discussion on Long-Range Plan**

Chairman Beck reported the Board met in a work session March 7<sup>h</sup> to discuss the long-range plan. They will continue their discussion in an upcoming work session on core values and board working agreements.

Superintendent Rinearson distributed a draft handout with information about the proposed local option levy, with effects next year with and without local option proceeds. The publication will be finalized for distribution in the coming days.

## **Other- Seismic Readiness- State Plans**

Director of Business and Support Services Rich Belloni distributed copies of several senate bills related to the state's ranking of public buildings pursuant to seismic readiness. The bills propose having buildings ranked by January 1, 2007, with grants proposed for rehabilitation of buildings in need.

Board members suggested asking local state representatives for help in moving Taft Middle School to the front of the list for ranking and rehabilitation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Chairman

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Superintendent